

# Small Group Discussion Guide

“Let the Future Begin (pt. 2)” – 08.30.2015

**Scripture:** Genesis 3:7-13; Mark 1:15

**Bottom Line:** You can't blame your way into the future. You can only repent your way into the future.

## INTRODUCTION/ICEBREAKER:

Sadly, summer is coming to an end. Share with your small group what things you did throughout the past few months. What was the funnest? What will you never do again?

## UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

**Read Genesis 3:7-13**

**1) What do Adam and Eve's actions communicate about their heart towards God?**

**Answer:** They believe they know better than God by disobeying His command (follow up question - what areas of your life do you believe you know better than God?).

**2) How do Adam and Eve respond when they are confronted by God?**

**Answer:** Adam **blames** Eve and God; Eve **blames** Satan (follow up question - we all struggle and play the, 'blame game.' Who do you blame for your struggles?)

**3) Why is playing the, 'blame game,' dangerous?**

**Answer:** denies the past which makes us destined to repeat it; distorts reality which makes good decisions impossible; puts us against people which destroys relationships & gives temporary relief which never cures the underlying cause.

**Read Mark 1:15**

We can't blame our way into the future. The only way to a better future is to OWN our part of the past. The word the Bible uses for, "own," is, "repent".

**1) What is true biblical repentance?**

**Answer:** Repentance is a gift of God and a way of life because Jesus joins it to believing the good news of the gospel. The answer is not to try harder but to turn to Jesus!

\* 2 Cor 7:10 For godly grief produces a **repentance** that leads to salvation **without regret**.

Godly grief -> Repentance -> Salvation -> No Regret

## LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

**1) How do I practically repent?**

Admit there is a problem - **B**e honest about your piece - **C**onfess the sin behind the sin -  
Depend on Jesus's forgiveness and faithfulness for your future.

**2) Share with your group the areas you need to repent and pray for one another.**